

Small annuals that are dark greenishpurple or brownish-purple in color

Scientific Name: Nemacladus rigidus Curran

Bibliographic Reference: Curran, 1885. Bull. Calif. Acad. Sci. 1: 154.

Common Name: Rigid threadbush

Family (Common Name): Campanulaceae (Bellflower Family)

Synonyms: None

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: State Sensitive

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S2

Distribution: Owyhee County, Idaho; se Oregon, s to ne California to Inyo County, e to n Nye County, Nevada.

Habitat: Sandy or cindery soils in the desert shrub zone, 800-1200 m elevation.

Phenology: May through June (July).

Look-alikes: Most similar to *N. glanduliferus* var. *orientalis* (not presently known for Idaho) but distinct in the dark greenish-purple or brownish-purple color of the plants, in having unequal sepals, the larger ones (1.5) 2-4 mm long and relatively stout spreading stems. This diminutive species is typically 1-3 cm tall.



Closeup of Nemacladus rigidus

Ann Debolt



Species Distribution